GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3445
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2002
BHARAT COKING COAL LIMITED
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that most of the collieries in Mohuda area of Bharat Coking Coal Limited have been closed during the last three years ;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the date of closure, colliery-wise; (

(c) whether the said area has a large reserve of underground coal;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have received any memorandum from BCCL for revival of said collieries; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b) : During the last three years, none of the collieries of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) in the Mohuda Group of Western Jharia Area have been closed. However, operations in one incline of Lohapatty

(Pathergoria B Seam) and a patch deposit of Bhatdee have been suspended since December, 2000 and July 2001 respectively.

(c) & (d) : The mineable reserves at Mohuda Group of Western Jharia area are as follows :-

Sl.No.	Colliery	Reserves (In Million Tonnes)
1	Lohapatty	97.40
2.	Bhatdee	1.50
3.	Murlidih 20/21 PITS	10.13

(e) : No, Sir. The Government have not received any memorandum from BCCL for the revival of the incline of Lohapatty (Pathergoria B Seam) and the patch deposit of Bhatdee .

(f) : Does not arise in view of reply given in part

(g) above.